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*Look not mournfully into the Past.  
It comes not back again. Wisely  
improve the Present. It is thine. Go  
forth to meet the shadowy Future,  
without fear, and with a manly  
heart.*

*Longfellow.*

*A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*



MR. LESLIE B. COOMBS

*to whom we dedicate*  
**OUR BOOK**

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

It seems quite appropriate that the resumption of the publishing of the senior year book should go along with the raising of the "educational sights" of the Institute. I want to congratulate the class of 1950, particularly those who were directly in charge of the project, for the fine piece of work they have done.

It has taken a great deal of thought and hard work on the part of the Board of Trustees and the faculty to effect the transition of the school from the level of a vocational institution to one with full collegiate standing; one authorized to award the Bachelor of Science degree. While much has already been accomplished, there is still more to be done. It can only be accomplished through the united efforts of the alumni, the student body and the staff. Any medium through which information about the progress of the Institute can be disseminated is not only helpful but vitally necessary if the Institute is to function as a progressive educational unit. It seems to me that one of the best ways to spread such information is through a well balanced year book. I sincerely hope that you graduates will keep in close contact with the Institute in the days ahead. Your constructive criticism can be very valuable.

*Keslie B. Crombs*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY



DR. D. ALEXANDER SEVERINO

The Class of 1950 should be congratulated for its efforts to re-establish for this Institute an annual student publication, *The Pioneer*. It might be well for us of the Faculty to evaluate our aims and our methods in terms of the spirit exemplified by "the pioneers" who leave us at the mid-century mark.

The continued growth and development of the Institute depends upon the loyalty and the continuing support of our graduates as well as the vision of our Administration and the efforts of our Faculty. May you continue to exercise to best advantage for yourselves and for your communities the skills, knowledge, and ideals that you have begun to develop with us.

*D. Alexander Severino*

## THE FACULTY



Seated (left to right)—Mr. John J. Crawford, Dr. Elizabeth Adams, Mr. Frederick Winter, Dr. James W. Watters, Dr. D. Alexander Serverino, President Leslie B. Coombs, Mr. John W. Norman, Mr. Frank H. Dillon, Mr. Harold C. Smith, Mr. Rudolph L. LaVault, Mr. Albert A. Stewart.

Standing (left to right)—Mr. Kenneth Tedford, Mr. John Greenhalgh, Mr. George A. Weaver, Mr. John W. Ferguson, Mr. Walter J. Cass, Mr. Bertram B. Hardy, Mr. William J. Wingate, Mr. John G. Stickler, Mr. Eugene R. Williams, Mr. Louis S. J. Simeone, Mr. Samuel A. Stone.

Absent were—Mr. Walter E. Marston, Mr. Robert E. Cooper and Mr. Claude Wagner when photo was taken.



# *The Senior Class*

## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

In '46 our class started its story,  
And in '50 left the school in a blaze of glory.  
Those four years were full of fun and fret,  
Our first day in school we'll never forget.  
The talk by Dean Coombs  
The hunting for classrooms,  
Questions and answers, foolish and wise—  
And for cutting classes our alibis.  
The soccer team we started in '46  
With instructors helping take the kicks.  
How it improved as years went along  
With Coach Simeone helping make it strong!  
And the Cosmos Club we did initiate  
So foreign students and Americans could congregate.  
The Christmas parties with their skits  
That threw us into laughing fits,  
And don't forget that our class  
Made the Distaff come to pass.  
Who can forget the pledges in Phi Psi  
Wearing shoelaces instead of a tie.  
Final exams and then vacation,  
But first a little syncopation  
As in Stone Bridge Inn we prance  
At the first Annual Dinner Dance.

The second year when we returned  
The rumors flew and our ears burned.  
We're getting a new building and degrees  
And all the students this did please.  
And the Harvest Hop with its Queen  
Pretty enough to be on a Hollywood screen.  
And the Varsity Club to pay for sweaters  
For athletes who earned their letters.  
By this time starting new clubs wasn't rare  
So we formed a chapter of A square T. C. square,  
And Epsilon Phi Pi we did organize  
So that all races and creeds could fraternize.  
And the Higgins Trophy we won that year  
While we all went to the games to cheer.

Mr. Norman at the Christmas party  
Reciting a poem hale and hearty.  
The Xmas Dance with Santa there  
And all the girls looking bright and fair.  
Exams, dinner dance, and on vacation we darted  
We returned and the new building still wasn't started.

And none can forget that wonderful sight  
Of New Bedford and Durfee together one night.  
For a dance in the country club hall,  
A fine time was had by all.  
And then to add to our class' fame  
The A. C. S. our chemists did frame.  
And that year a tennis team we did get  
To whack the ball right over the net.  
And when the junior year ended for the summer  
Some of our group left with a diploma.

When we returned for our senior year  
We started to work on the "1950 Pioneer"  
The first yearbook since we became an institute  
We hope that future classes will follow suit.  
The Engineering Society came into being  
So that educational programs we'd be seeing.  
And under Mr. Williams' painstaking labor  
Our fencing team learned to use the saber.  
And running dances we did not stop  
Our dances that year were full of "bop",  
A concert dance given by Phi Psi,  
And a Patriots Dance by Epsilon Phi Pi.  
And then came exams and graduation  
We even had a convocation.  
We graduated in cap and gown,  
Our commencement was really done up brown.  
Our class day and faculty tea  
Were really very nice to see  
And thus we closed one chapter in our story  
Looking forward to future glory.



*SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS*



President

William A. Renaud

Vice-President

Henry P. Cichon

Secretary-Treasurer

Richard Rogers

VINCENT CATALANO  
"Chip"

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
President, 3  
Secretary, 2  
Social Committee, 3, 4  
Distaff, 3  
Bowling League, 4  
Year Book Committee, 4



HENRY P. CICHON  
"Mike"

Class Vice President, 4  
Year Book  
Activities Manager, 4  
Engineering Society, 4  
Vice President, 4  
Baseball, 2, 3  
Soccer, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Captain, 2, 3  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4  
President, 3



PHILIP A. CLORITE  
"Phil"

Engineering Society, 4  
Year Book Committee, 4  
Bowling League, 4  
Basketball, 1  
Assistant Manager, 2  
Baseball, 3, 4  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4  
Epsilon Phi Pi, 4





LEONARD C. CONNORS  
"Len"

A.A.T.C.C., 1, 2

JOHN W. CONROY  
"Jack"

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Vice President, 2



MARCEL L. CROTEAU  
"Mars"

Engineering Society, 4  
Social Committee, 2  
Soccer, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Baseball, 1, 2, 3  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4  
Secretary-Treasurer, 2



HAROLD T. CUSHMAN  
"Cush"

Vice President of Athletic Association  
and Social Union, 3  
Class Vice President, 2  
Engineering Society, 4  
Secretary-Treasurer, 4  
Year Book Committee, 4  
Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Baseball, 1, 2  
Soccer, 1, 2, 4  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4  
President, 2



PAUL N. DARGIE  
"P. N. D."

1st Chairman A.A.T.C.C., 3  
Program Chairman A.A.T.C.C., 4  
Program Chairman A.C.S., 4  
Year Book  
Photography Manager, 4  
Distaff, 2, 3  
Social Committee, 4

ROBERT A. DUBREIUL  
"Dube"

Fencing Team, 4  
A.A.T.C.C., 2, 3, 4  
A.C.S., 3, 4

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HOWARD ESSIG  
"Howie"

Distaff, 1, 2  
Managing Editor, 1  
Basketball Manager, 3  
Tennis Team, 3, 4  
Varsity Club, 4  
Year Book Committee, 4  
Bowling League, 3, 4

CONRAD J. GAGNON  
"Pete"

Varsity Club, 3, 4  
Engineering Society, 4  
Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Treasurer, 2  
Baseball, 1, 2,  
Basketball, 1



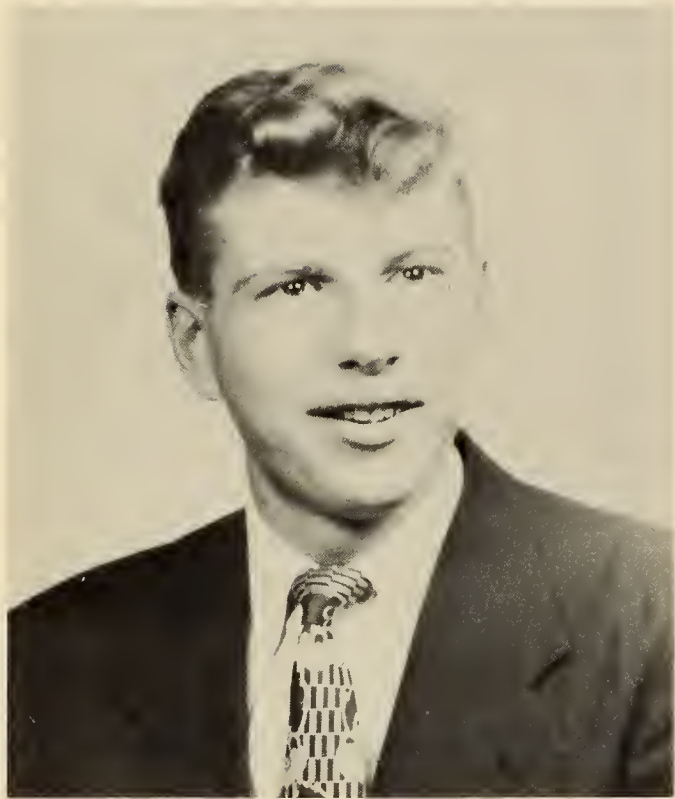
WESLEY M. GARDNER  
"Wes"

A.C.S., 3, 4



JULES S. GLICK, B.S.

A.A.T.C.C., 4  
A.C.S., 4



GEORGE B. GREGORY  
"Jeep"

Engineering Society, 4  
Year Book Committee, 4  
Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Baseball, 2  
Soccer Manager, 3, 4  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4  
Secretary-Treasurer, 3

DONALD C. GRIME  
"Grimsey"

Engineering Society, 4  
Social Committee, 1, 2, 3





WILLIAM JONES, JR.  
"Bill"

Engineering Society, 4

GEORGE A. JORDANIDES  
Cosmopolitan Club, 3, 4  
A.A.T.C.C., 4



EDWARD L. KELLEY  
"Kel"

Phi Psi Fraternity, 2, 3, 4  
A.C.S., 4  
A.A.T.C.C., 2, 3, 4  
Treasurer, 3  
2nd Chairman, 4  
Distaff, 2, 3



SHAFEER KHOURY  
"Pete"



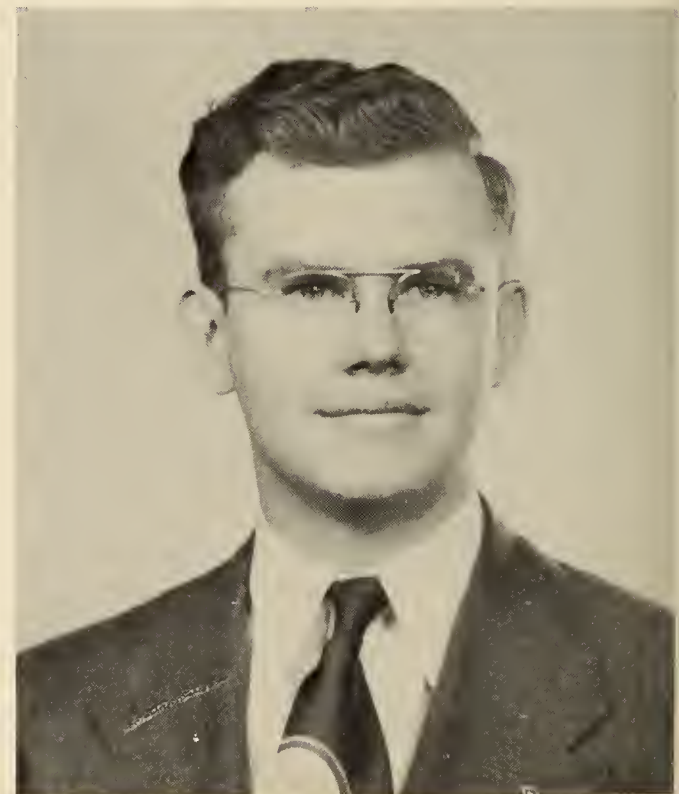
BERNARD LEVESQUE  
"Barney"

Cosmopolitan Club, 1  
Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4



FREDERICK L. MASON, JR.

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Bowling League, 3, 4  
Engineering Society, 4  
Year Book Committee, 4







JOHN T. McDONALD  
"Mac"

Baseball, 1  
A.A.T.C.C., 3, 4

FRANCIS McHENRY  
"Mac"

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Cosmopolitan Club, 3, 4  
Secretary, 4



CHARLES MELLOR  
"Charlie"

President of Athletic Association and  
Social Union, 3  
Engineering Society, 4  
Soccer, 3  
Manager, 2  
Baseball, 2  
Basketball, 2  
Manager, 4  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4



**RENE MORIN**  
"Chubby"

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Vice President, 4  
Cosmopolitan Club, 1, 2, 3, 4  
President, 3  
Social Committee, 1, 2  
Bowling League, 3, 4  
President, 4  
Year Book  
Business Manager, 4



**MIRIAM MURPHY**

A.A.T.C.C., 3, 4  
Secretary, 3  
Social Committee, 2



**EDMUND C. PICKARD**

Engineering Society, 4





JOHN D. POWERS

Engineering Society, 4

JAMES M. QUIGLEY  
"Sparks"

Cosmopolitan Club, 2, 3  
Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Bowling League, 3



ELMER J. REISER

Engineering Society, 4  
Student Assistant, 4



WILLIAM A. RENAUD  
"Bill"

Class President, 3, 4  
President of Athletic Association and  
Social Union, 4  
Soccer, 2, 3, 4  
Captain, 4  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4  
Phi Psi Fraternity, 2, 3, 4  
Year Book  
Editor, 4  
A.A.T.C.C., 4  
Bowling League, 3, 4



RICHARD ROGERS  
"Buck"

Engineering Society, 4  
Class Secretary-Treasurer, 4

LYNWOOD CARL ROOT  
"Lyn"

Engineering Society, 4  
Bowling League, 3, 4





JOHN S. SOUZA  
"Curly"

Engineering Society, 4  
Class President, 2  
Soccer, 1, 2, 4  
Baseball, 1, 2  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4

DAVID E. SNYDER  
"Dave"

Epsilon Phi Pi Fraternity, 3, 4  
Engineering Society, 4



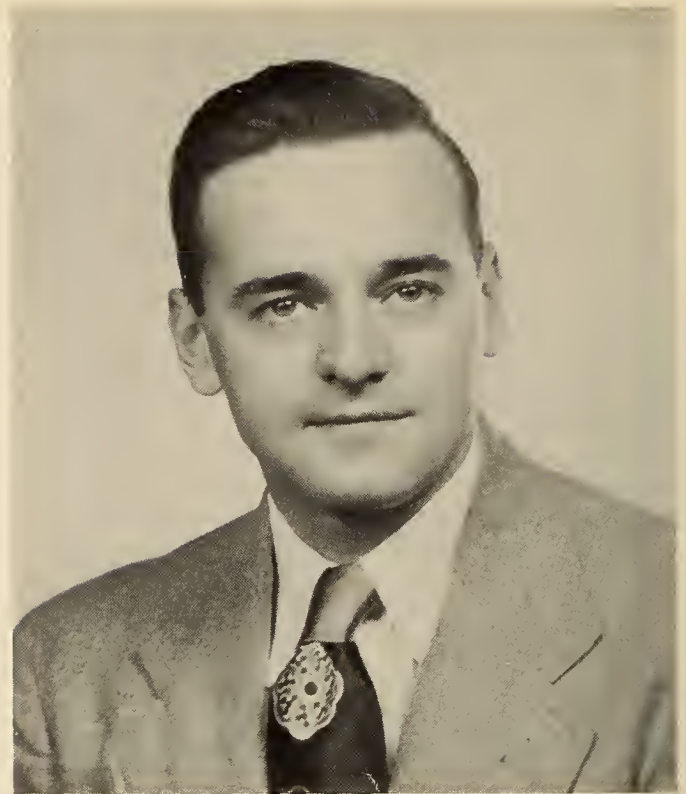
HERMAN SUNDELSON  
"Sundy"

Epsilon Phi Pi Fraternity, 3, 4  
Distaff, 2  
Bowling League, 4  
Basketball, 3



ARTHUR H. SWINBURN  
"Swinny"

Engineering Society, 4  
President, 4  
Soccer, 1, 2, 3  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4



DONALD T. TWEEDY

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
A.A.T.C.C., 4  
A.C.S., 4

MURRAY J. WAKS  
"The Kid"

Epsilon Phi Pi Fraternity, 3, 4  
Vice President, 3  
Cosmopolitan Club, 3, 4  
Vice President, 4  
Bowling League,  
Secretary, 4  
Year Book Committee, 4





EVERETT E. WARING

Engineering Society, 4  
Varsity Club, 2, 3, 4  
Baseball, 1, 2

SANFORD J. H. WELDON  
"Sandy"

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
A.A.T.C.C., 2, 3, 4  
Distaff, 2, 3



ROBERT L. WILKEY  
"Wilk"

Year Book Committee, 4  
A.A.T.C.C., 2, 3, 4  
Baseball, 1



ROBERT A. WILKINSON  
"Wilkie"

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Cosmopolitan Club, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Distaff, 1, 2, 3  
Business Manager, 1  
Managing Editor, 2  
Photography, 3



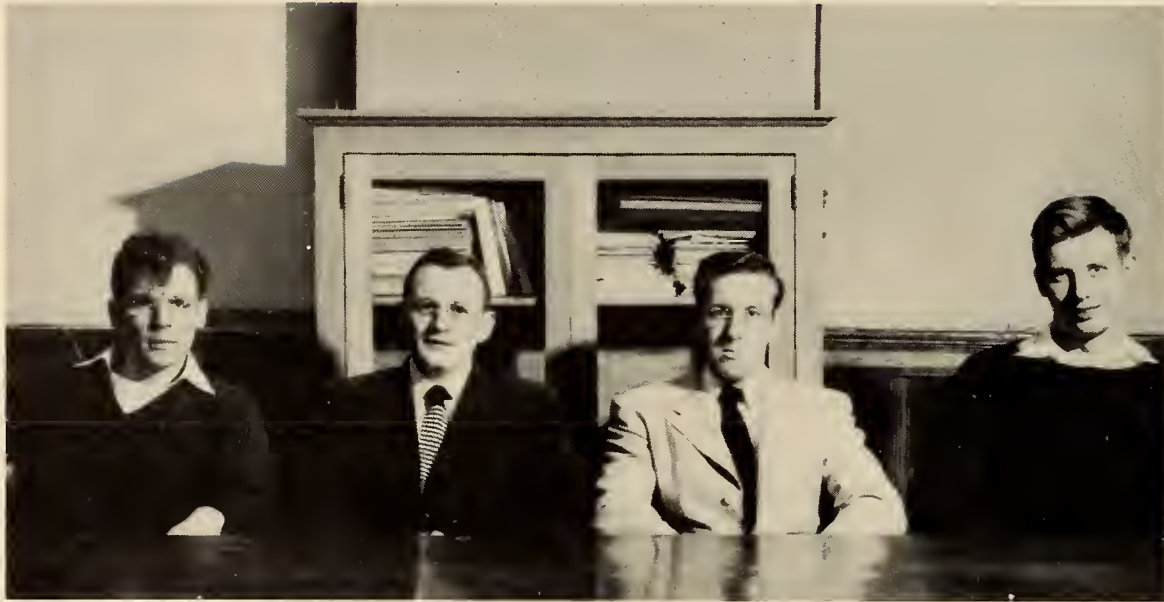
RAYMOND E. WISHART

Phi Psi Fraternity, 1, 2, 3, 4  
A.A.T.C.C., 2, 3, 4  
A.C.S., 4



# *The Underclassmen*

## *Junior Class Officers*



President.....Edward Cowell  
Vice-President.....Theodore Williamson  
Secretary.....Alfred J. Slowe  
Treasurer.....Robert Staples

## *Junior Class History*

The class of '51 is now three quarters of the way through school. We have given a good account of ourselves so far, and expect to leave a permanent mark of our passage on B.D.T.I.

To begin with, ours was the first class to enter its freshman year with the knowledge that it was starting the first leg of a four year course, terminating with a degree. Also, we think ours will be the last class having a sizeable proportion of Veterans on the rolls, and probably the last class having prospective graduates who were married before they entered the school. Those of us who were married—some of us proud Papas, at that—when we began the course, have looked on in some amusement as our classmates have taken unto themselves wives. But we think we are the last of our kind.

In the field of social activities we are quite proud of our record. B.D.T.I. is now big enough to support two fraternities, and the class of '51 assisted in the successful organization of the Epsilon Phi Pi Fraternity. At the time of writing the Presidents of both fraternities are member of this class. Robert Staples, president of Phi Psi Delta Chapter, and Joe McKenna, president of Epsilon Phi Pi. Of this we are quite proud. All the dances sponsored by our class have been highly successful, our only complaint being that there have been too few of them. We are an extremely talented group, having several musicians of professional quality, and at least one movie-director-star. The latter, of course, is Bill Moran, whose efforts were acclaimed by the Engineering Department.

Sportwise, we have proved ourselves versatile, quite capable, and enthusiastic. Seven members of the class are active with the basketball squad. Outstanding, of course, are Harold Peterson and Alec Smith, who have played with the team for three seasons. They played on the team which won the S.N.E. Coastal Conference, in '48. While we haven't managed to repeat that performance, our team is still a fine one. Morris Cohen, Robert Gauthier, Ernie Vigeant, Jay Kneen and Al Slowe are well-known to the followers of the basketball team.

## THE JUNIOR CLASS



To baseball we contributed Ted Williamson, Ernie Vigeant, Joe McKenna, Robert Lebrun, Roger Larrivee, Gordon Shepard, Robert Gauthier and Bob Madowsky (the manager).

We sent only two men into action with the soccer team, Harold Peterson and Ernie Vigeant, but mustered four men for the newly organized tennis team—Ernie Vigeant (what again?), Bill Corner and Henry Walker. The fencing team is also something new for Bradford Durfee, but even so we found two men who were both eligible and able for it—Jay Kneen and Carmen Rendino.

The Class of '51 has seen a number of changes come to B.D.T.I. We have watched the expansion of the staff, the curriculum, and the addition of much new machinery in all departments. We are proud of our help in enlarging the extra-curricula activities.

Congratulations to the senior class for the fine work they have done. We, who have made a good start in the right direction, hope to finish with as good a record.

## *Sophomore Class Officers*



President	Everett S. Arnold
Vice-President	Ernest Howarth
Secretary-Treasurer	Earl Bilsky

## *Sophomore Class History*

You are trapped in a room with one hundred and four squabbling, squealling freshmen. Your heart beats faster and faster as a distinguished looking man raps on the podium. You are in a position from which there is no escape.

You sit there, sweating, frantic, as President Coombs tells you of your next four years at the institute. Your chair becomes a prison cell and you try vainly to escape but there is no escape. You see the futility of trying to escape without an education so you sit back and decide to listen.

You leave this room with the other men to follow your chosen course. Your first five or six weeks are the hardest because you are confused. You are meeting new class mates every day and are becoming acquainted with Tech life. Some of you escape from arduous hours of study by going out for soccer or by indulgence at the Bijou. To escape all the homework bestowed upon you by the kind, helpful professors is impossible, but you try.

Your life during the freshman year consists of SATS, ANSVA, of Avogadro's theory, of freely falling bodies and acceleration, of cotton and wool, of paragraphs by comparison and finally of the binomial theorem. After sixteen weeks of this you find yourself confronted with mid-year exams. After this grind is over you seek an escape from the gruelling hours of study. However, your period of relaxation is short-lived because of that horrible practice of sending the grades home. As the second semester begins you decide to settle down and really hit those books. Before you realize it, the balmy spring weather beckons to you and naturally you accept its invitation—more escape. April runs into May, and May runs into trouble. Once again you don't eat or sleep, but spend day and night memorizing and re-reading bygone information. You struggle through the finals and then head for home. At last you have escaped, at least until next September.

The vacation whizzes by and once again you are in a room with quiet, unassuming sophomores. But what happened to forty-two of your fellow class mates? There are now only but sixty-two of you for the class of '52.

## THE SOPHOMORE CLASS



By now you know the routine and you take the situation in hand. Studies come easier and you find more time for extra-curricular activities. Some of your best friends are elected officers: Everett Arnold, becomes president, Ernest Howarth, becomes vice president, and Earl Bilsky, becomes secretary-treasurer. You offer congratulations and wish them loads of luck in their future undertakings. To "glenn gellis" you give appreciation for the wonderful job he is doing as editor of the Distaff. To Jack Wachsburger, Bob Ashley, Eddie Levell and Neil Murphy you offer cheers as they help the Tech hoopmen on to victory. To Norman Reis you offer condolences for the loss of his "Wringer".

It is at this point that your history stops because history is news from the past and you are looking forward to the future. A future which you hope will be a pleasant and creative one. "YOU" are the class of '52.



FRESHMAN

# *Student Activities*





*Alfred E. Higgins*

The Higgins Memorial Trophy was donated in 1948 by Mr. Alfred Higgins, in memory of his son, Dr. Ralph Ritter Higgins







## *BASKETBALL*

Although this year's basketball season was not as fruitful as that of 1947-48, when the boys of the Blue & White captured the Southern New England Coastal Conference title, the Tech hoopmen can well be proud of their present record. Despite the fact that the opposition this year was better than average, and the loss of Russ Booth to the Army did hurt the team tremendously in the scoring column, the team succeeded in defeating ten out of their fifteen opponents.

The Tech hoopmen showed great promise in defeating Edgewood Jr. College, the General Line Officers School of Newport, Bryant College, Worcester State, Bridgewater State, Lowell Textile, and New Bedford Textile, but as the season wore on, it was impossible to hold back the onrush of such capable squads as Stonehill College, Brooklyn College, and Philadelphia Textile.

The high scorers for Tech this season are George Gregory, Murray Cohen, and Alex Smith with 245, 200, and 192, respectively. High scorer for a single game was Gregory with 31 points.

The squad consists of the men in the above picture. First row: Ed Levell, Bob Anger, Art Soares, Bob Sullivan, Bob Kenyon; rear: Charles Mellor, student manager, Jack Wachsburger, Murray Cohen, Hal Cushman, George Gregory, Alex Smith, Harold Peterson, Neil Murphy, and Coach Bannister. Also on the squad are Harold Hall, Bob Ashley, Alan Sussman and John Conforti.

## *BASEBALL*

Durfee Tech's '49 baseball team failed to win a game. Tech lost five during the course of their abbreviated early season schedule. Somewhat of a moral victory was obtained when Tech played Becker College of Worcester to a scoreless tie.

Tech opened the season at Lowell, April 12, 1949, by absorbing a 20-1 lacing at the hands of Lowell Textile. It was Tech's lack of support that lost the game, as the pitchers allowed but seven hits. The scoreless tie, mentioned previously, was played after this. In a close game, played at Bridgewater State, Tech was nosed out by the tune of 4-2. Ted Williamson was outstanding, lashing out two hits and scoring an equal number. In the return engagement, Bridgewater again emerged victorious, 7-2. Tech's fourth loss was at the hands of New Bedford Textile, 9-6. Yankopoulos made his first start for Tech and pitched great ball for six innings but weakened in the later stages of the game. In this losing cause, Phil Clorite banged out three hits and Henry Cichon belted a home run.

Tech's final setback was at the hands of Assumption College. This was the thriller of the year, with the Worcesterites edging Tech, 5-4. Both teams made a total of twenty-two hits and only sparkling plays on the part of both teams held the score down.

Despite the '49 season everyone is looking forward to a terrific year in '50. Many highly regarded freshmen constitute the nucleus of the coming year's squad.

The past season's roster consisted of pitchers Roger Larrivee, Red Gauthier, Bill Wall and Yank Yankopolos; catchers Bob Le Brun, Bill Talbot and George Levasseur; infielders Joe McKenna, Phil Clorite, Dan Binkoff, Marc Croteau, Art Franco, Ted Williamson, and Hank Correa; outfielders Gordon Shepard, Henry Cichon, and Tom Stanton.



## *SOCCKER*

Inspired by the firm determination of Coach Simeone to have his team play a clean, hard and winning brand of ball, the '49 Soccerites enjoyed one of the most successful seasons of its history. The record of 8 wins, 1 tie, and 1 loss, with a total of 34 goals scored against the opposition and but only 8 goals on the opposite side of the ledger shows that Tech was strong both offensively and defensively.

Tech opened the season against Brown University, winning a thriller, 1-0. This goal, as most of the other deciders, was scored by Tech's brilliant center forward, Ed Kokoszka. This victory against Brown was a great psychological factor in the play of the boys during the remainder of the schedule. Bridgewater State was fortunate in holding Tech to a 1-1 tie here at Fall River. They were later blasted 5-3 at Bridgewater. Bridgeport University proved tough but had to yield finally to Tech's power. This game was the thriller of the year. It was played in a driving rain storm against a top notch team.

Suffolk University, Rhode Island College of Education, and Lowell Textile were easy pickings for Tech as the three game total was 22-0.

Arch-rival New Bedford Textile, unbeaten and unscored upon during the season clashed with Tech before a large home town gathering. In the hard fought game Tech emerged victorious 1-0. Somewhat angered by this setback, New Bedford turned the tables to win the return engagement, 4-0. This was Tech's only loss. The season closed at St. George's Academy with a 3-0 win. On this field four of our seniors played their first game in 1946 and their last game in 1949.

Mention and praise should be given these men who were active in four years of varsity play. They are forwards Marcel Croteau and John Souza; defensemen Henry Cichon and Harold Cushman.



## TENNIS

A few enthusiastic students of the sport of the racket formed the tennis club in the spring of '49. In the process of development the following officers were elected: president, Henry Reis; and secretary-manager, Jack Steinberg. Mr. Grenhalgh became our coach.

That first year a few practices were held, and a hurried four game schedule was drawn up. Considering the circumstances, the boys bearing the blue & white faired reasonably well, winning two out of four.

The 1950 schedule discloses a group of formidable opponents. A total of eight matches are listed. Suffolk University, Edgewood Junior College, New Bedford Textile, and Bridgewater State Teachers College will be our opposition. It is our intention to make tennis a major sport at B.D.T.I.



## *FENCING*

Fencing had its start at Tech late in the 1948 school year. At that time Mr. Williams, an instructor, sent out feelers to get an idea if there would be sufficient interest in the institute to support the sport. Approximately ten students indicated their desire to form a team. But it was not until early in the current school year that a squad was organized and things began to take shape.

Under the direct supervision of Coach Williams, practices were held regularly at the YMCA. Robert Dubreuil was elected co-captain along with John Kneen, and Barney Poritz became manager. The main weapon employed by the squad is the foil.

Beside the coaching and practice had at the "Y", several trips were made to Boston and Worcester by members of the squad attending fencing clinics held in those cities. Overcoming the many obstacles of preliminary organizing, the squad hopes to give the students of Tech the countless number of thrills that accompany a fencing match.



## *BOWLING*

### OFFICERS

President.....	Rene Morin
Vice-President.....	Murray J. Waks
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Glenn Gellis

The fall semester of 1948 saw B.D.T.I.'s athletic program expand to include a bowling league which met weekly at the Durfee Alleys. Arthur Codega, Rene Morin and Glenn Gellis were elected officers of the organization. The teams were comprised mostly of class groups and the keen air of competition which grew rapidly was observed both on and off the alleys. The final weeks of the school year saw the Engineers and the Looms running almost neck and neck. At the end of the season the Engineers went on to victory with a final explosion of timber. The year culminated with a succulent banquet and with the presentation of trophies to the winning teams.

The success of the past year was the initiating and sustaining factor of the '49-'50 season. More teams entered the league and the alleys soon rocked with enthusiasm and spirit. Bonds of friendship were formed, social barriers were broken as the teachers pitted their wisdom and experience against the strength of youth. The arduous job of scheduling the weekly games and compiling statistics was given to the officers. Regardless of the outcome of this season, or any season, bowling is here to stay. The only intramural sport at Durfee Tech offering an opportunity for everyone to participate and to show his prowess has built a very strong foundation. Our pride in its standing can only be exceeded by our hope that other sports may be built on the same basis.

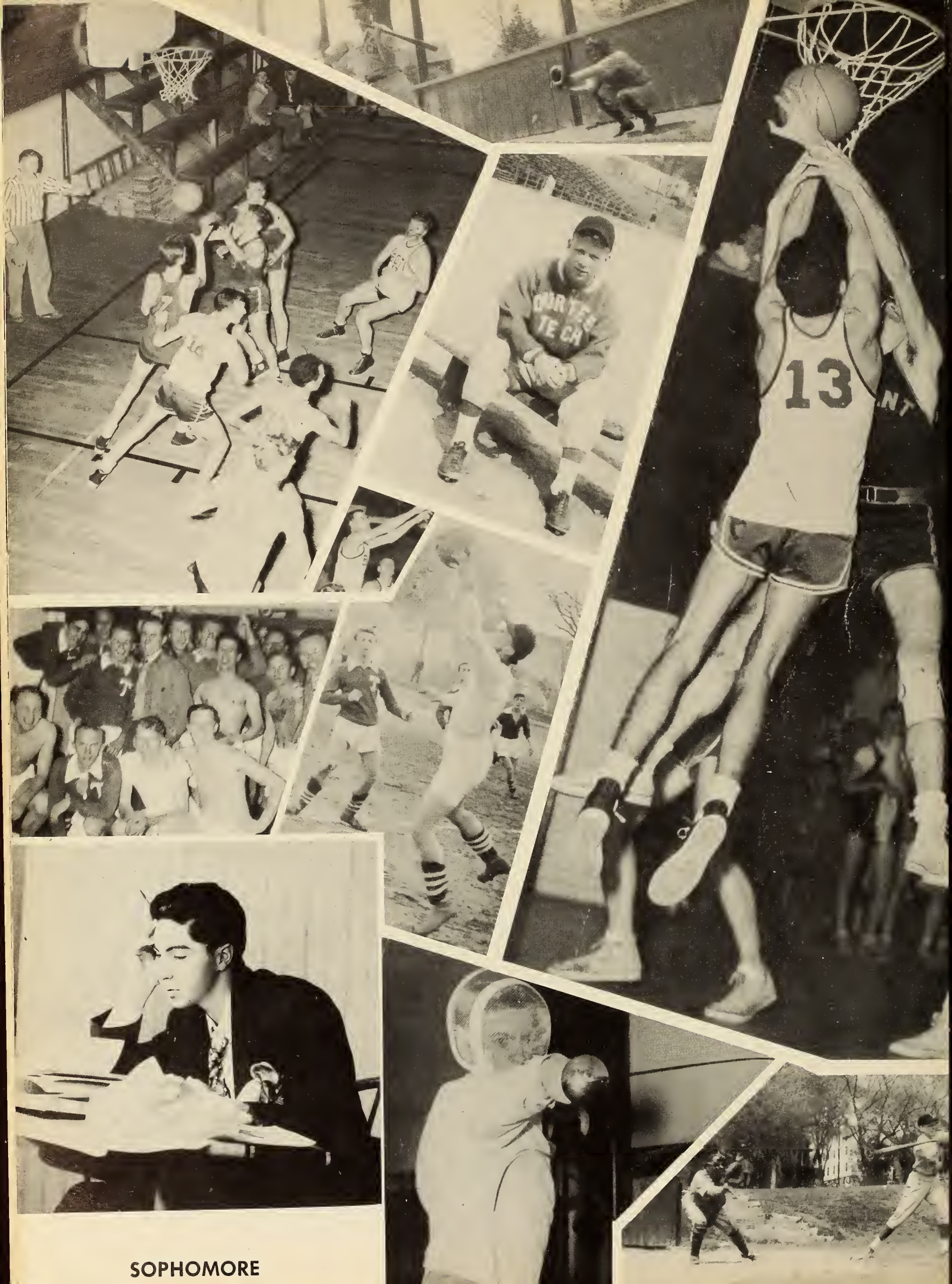
## VARSIITY CLUB

One of the most recent organizations in the Institute is the Varsity Club. The Club was formed as a result of a few athletes' untiring efforts to convince the students that such an organization would be beneficial to the school and to the athlete. The following are the aims of the Varsity Club: (1) to promote better sports and greater participation in sports at B.D.T.I., and high standards of sportsmanship; (2) to establish a means of awarding suitable tokens in recognition for participation in athletic activities; (3) to establish means by which members may keep in contact with each other and exchange information.

The requirements for membership is a Tech "T", awarded to deserving students participating in either one of the three major sports at the Institute. These sports are soccer, basketball, and baseball.

During the three years that the Club has been in existence, the organization has awarded 70 sweaters to players representing Durfee Tech on the athletic field. The current school year Club officers are: president, Alexander Smith; vice-president, Harold Peterson; secretary-treasurer, Roger Larrivee.





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## *ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION*

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The student body is the Athletic Association. It is governed by an Advisory Board which is elected by the students and consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, a student representative and Mr. Wingate as Faculty Advisor. Under the constitution, the President must be a member of the Senior Class, the Vice-President, a member of the Junior Class, the Secretary, a member of the Sophomore Class, and all officers must have a high scholastic standing.

The duties of the Association are to finance and control all athletic and social events of the school. In regard to athletics, the Association buys all the equipment necessary to maintain the various sports, pays for the transportation and meals of the players at out-of-town games, insures the athletes against injury, and outfits the cheerleaders. On the social side of the school life, the Association holds the annual Christmas Party for all students, the Junior Prom, the Commencement Ball, and the various informal dances during the year.

The Athletic Association also handles such matters as the standardization of the school ring and emblem, the financing of the student publication—the Distaff, and conducts the general assembly meetings.



## *PHI PSI*

The Phi Psi Fraternity was founded by five students of the Philadelphia College of Textile Engineering on March 18, 1903. The aims of the fraternity are to promote good fellowship, social gatherings, mutual advancement of its members, and the art of textile manufacturing. In 1905 the Fraternity was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania. Beta Chapter was organized in 1904 at the New Bedford Textile School and the same year Gamma Chapter at Lowell Textile School was also admitted. Delta Chapter, here at B.D.T.I., was organized in 1909. Phi Psi is the largest and most respected textile fraternity in the world.

During World War II, the Institute's chapter became dormant. This is easily understood when one considers the fact that the average graduating class consisted of four or five students. However, shortly after the war, Delta Chapter was reactivated and since then it has increased its enrollment and activities.

The crowning achievement of the Chapter was the procuring of a club-house, which provides the thirty-eight members with an excellent place to gather for business and social meetings. Numerous smokers, dances, and concerts are presented to the public by the fraternity. These activities are climaxed by district and national conventions. These conventions enable members to become acquainted with brothers from all parts of the country. It is the aim of the Delta Chapter to be a credit to the Fraternity and to the Institute.

The 1949-'50 officers are: president, Robert Staples; vice-president, Rene Morin; treasurer, John Hives; secretary, Alfred Slowe. The Fraternity advisor is Mr. Wingate.

## EPSILON PHI PI

During the years 1945-50 college fraternities throughout the country underwent a tremendous upheaval. The old traditions, suspicions, and prejudices began to disappear and were substituted by a clear, forthright outlook. Changes were made and precedents broken. The old restrictions rooted on racial discrimination and religious differences were removed.

Our Epsilon Phi Pi Fraternity, a non-sectarian professional textile fraternity, was an offspring of this movement. The ideals of freedom, fidelity, and friendship were not made into uplifted walls hypocritically concealing the darkness of discriminatory sentiments, but rather these ideals were made the expressions of true feelings which initiated and sustained the fraternity.

Epsilon Phi Pi was organized at Tech in April, 1948 and chartered by the State of Massachusetts. The history reveals unquestionable progress. The efforts of the twenty charter members were fulfilled in a very short period of time. In two years the membership was doubled even though the educational requirements were made difficult. Meetings of a professional nature took the place of the previous get-togethers for the sole purpose of a good time, and men of high caliber, both in the educational and professional field were accepted as honorary members.

With the formation of the Chapter Beta in the Philadelphia Textile Institute, with feelers in other colleges, and with the at last, but mostly deserved acceptance of our organization as a professional fraternity, not a social one, a bright future looms ahead.





## *COSMOPOLITAN CLUB*

The Cosmopolitan Club was formed at the Bradford Durfee Technical Institute in 1946 by a group of foreign students in cooperation with American students. Since its founding the club has prospered, and at the present time there are twenty-five members.

The purpose of the club is to establish warm friendships between students coming from different countries of the world and to stimulate in these students ideals of intellectual achievement and social development. The Club is non-sectarian and non-partisan. Student membership is half foreign students and half Americans. In regard to membership sought by Americans, priority is given to those knowing a foreign language.

The Cosmopolitans meet regularly once a month during the college year. The Club's social activities include several dinners sponsored by the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, and other organizations of Fall River.

The officers this year are as follows: Criton D. Spiliotis, Greece, president; Murray Waks, U.S.A., vice-president; Aung Kin, Burma, treasurer; Francis McHenry, U.S.A., secretary. Mr. Louis Simeone serves as faculty advisor. Countries represented are Greece, Egypt, Hondouras, Finland, France, and the United States.

## ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The advance of the Engineers is on! No, not an Army "D-day" or the like, but nevertheless just as spectacular in its own right. In a school where textiles predominate, the engineers have at last emerged from their lethargy and have united to elevate themselves in the standards of the school and the world without.

The Engineering Chapter of Bradford Durfee Technical Institute is a prime cause of this unification. The organizing of this engineering chapter is in itself a great advancement. With the accomplishment of its aims and purposes, the Chapter will indeed make tremendous progress.

### *Its Aims and Purposes*

Purposes: To consolidate the engineers of the Bradford Durfee Technical Institute. To affiliate the chapter with a National organization.

Aims: To aid the school in its activities. To further develop friendship between its immediate members and other societies of the school. To promote the further education of engineering, mostly on the practical side, through movies, lectures, etc.

Aims through its affiliations with a National organization:

To give the engineers first hand information as to the opportunities in the field of engineering. To help engineers obtain jobs.

High aims and purposes? Yes, but at the head of the Engineering Chapter of Bradford Durfee Technical Institute there are officers that are very capable of handling the affairs of the chapter and carrying out these aims and purposes. The officers are: Arthur H. Swinburn, President; Henry P. Cichon, Vice-President; and Harold T. Cushman, Yeoman of the Organization.

The advance of the Engineers must not stop. We look into the future and predict the ultimate success of this, the engineers first big step.





## *AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY*

In April, 1876, thirty-five chemists met in New York City to form the American Chemical Society. Since its beginning the Society has become the world's largest organization devoted to a single science. The aims of the Society are: (1) to encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all branches; (2) to promote research in chemical science and industry; (3) to improve the qualifications and usefulness of chemists through high standards of professional ethics, education, and attainment; (4) to increase the diffusion of chemical knowledge and (5) by its meetings, professional contacts, reports, and publications, to promote scientific interests and inquiry.

A student benefits by becoming a member of a Chapter of Student Affiliates in the following ways: (1) he receives journals and periodicals published by the Society; (2) he gains the privilege of attending national, regional, divisional, and local section meetings of the Society on the same basis as an A.C.S. member; (3) he receives the privilege of using the A.C.S. Employment Clearing House, an agency which has been very helpful in aiding students to locate positions after graduation; and (4) he gains experience in preparing and presenting technical material before audiences of chemically-trained people.

The B.D.T.I. Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society was organized at the beginning of this school year (September, 1949) with thirteen members. Future activities will include lectures and movies presented by members and men in the industry. Officers for the current year are: chairman, Jack Moss; vice-chairman, Donald T. Tweedy; secretary-treasurer, Stanley V. Dubiel, Jr. Chapter advisor is Dr. James Waters.

## A.A.T.C.C.

The history of the Student Chapter of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists of B.D.T.I. dates back to April 12, 1948, at which time the Chapter was accepted by the parent organization. During the early months of '48 a small group of students banded together and through the efforts of Paul Dargie and Mr. Wingate the Chapter was formed. Then through the combined efforts of the early members the Chapter grew to be one of the largest organizations at B.D.T.I.

The A.A.T.C.C. is a national organization and offers its members contact with many prominent men in the Textile Field. It is a society which helps the members exchange ideas and problems. The student chapter offers its members literature on the latest developments in textiles, it teaches the student the arts of leadership and cooperation. The student chapter invites men of the industry to come to the Institute to give lectures on widely diverse topics which help the student in his work at college, and also help him to plan for his future work. The lecturers give much practical information not obtainable in books—"Knowledge through Experience".

The present officers are: Edward Kelly, chairman; Richard Barber, secretary; Stanley Dubiel, treasurer; and Mr. Wingate, faculty advisor.





## *DISTAFF*

In March of 1947, the same year in which Tech vaguely began to awaken to college life, the first issue of the Distaff was published. The idea for the newspaper originated with Dave Sanders, then a freshman textile engineer.

A news staff was formed and two issues were published during the spring semester of 1947. Sanders continued as Editor in 1948 and the Distaff got down to business of reporting and reflecting the news about B. D. T. I. The burden of starting and pulling the newspaper through its initial year was too much for any one person and the Distaff went on the skids in 1948-49. The quality of reporting dropped. The fact that little or no cooperation was given to the editors can be blamed for the lessening in the number of issues. Serious flaws in the format became evident and it was not until 1950 that the Distaff underwent a complete metamorphosis, and became a representative college newspaper.

The present officers, who pulled the Distaff out of its literary depression, pictured above are: Robert Madowsky, Stanley Dubiel, Mr. Walter Cass, Mr. Rudolph LaVault, Harry Martin, Glenn Gellis, and Criton Spiliotis.

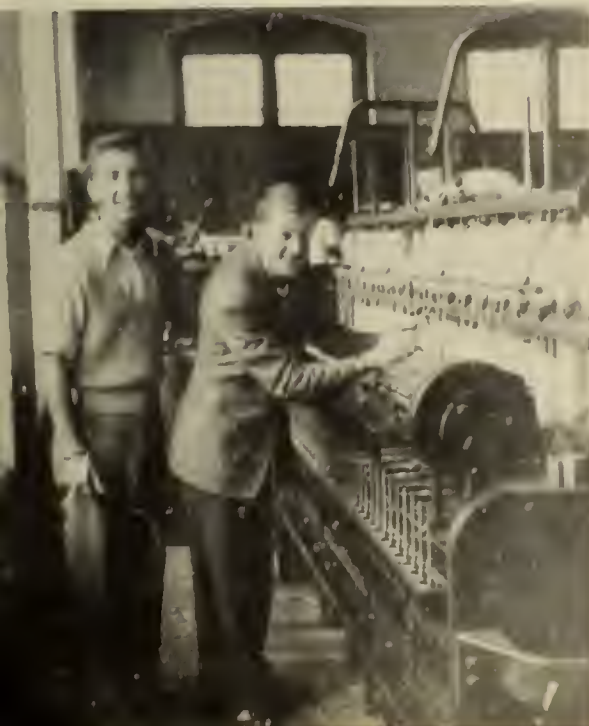




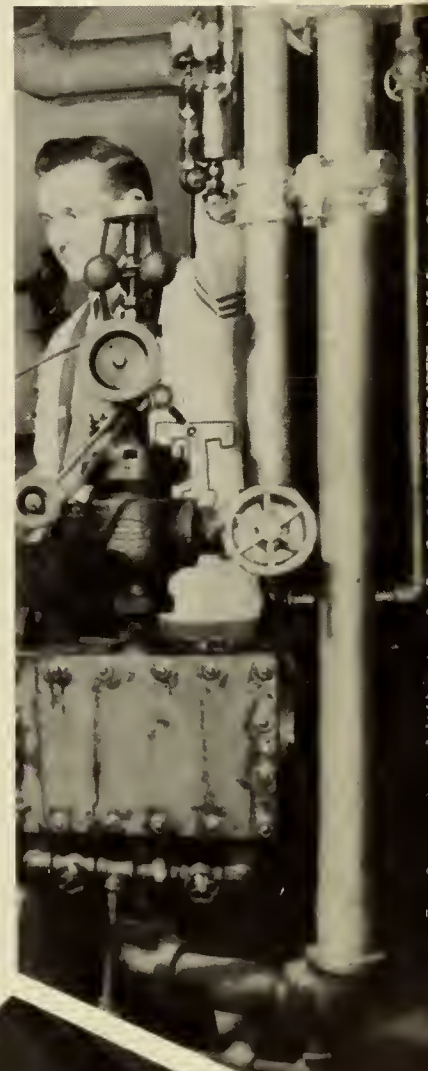
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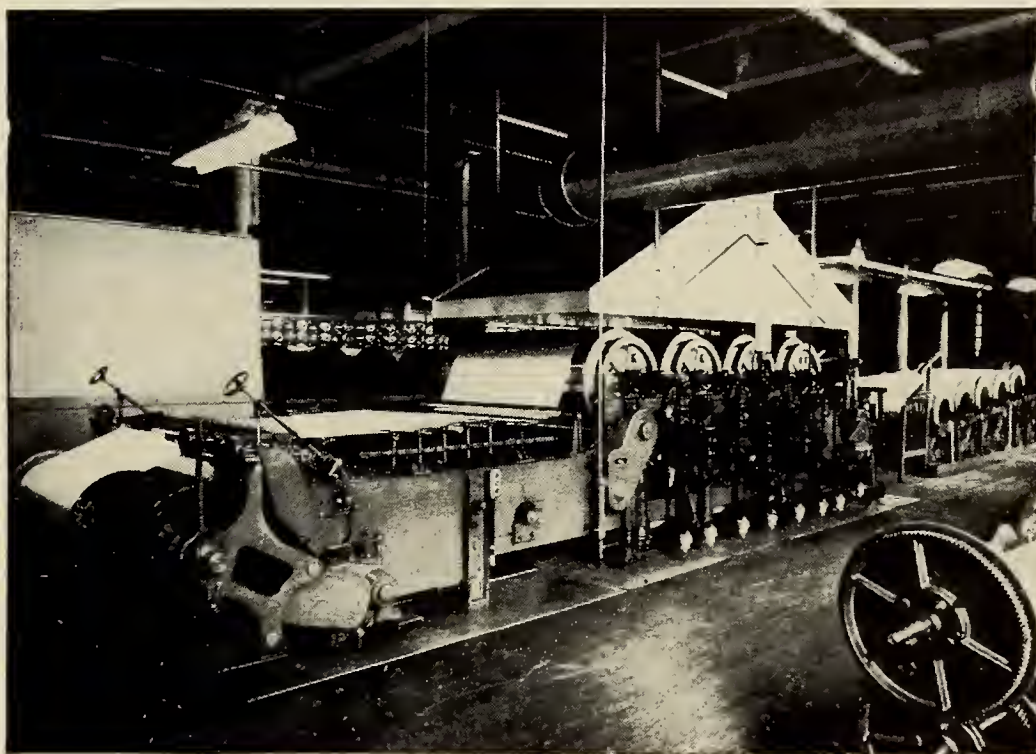
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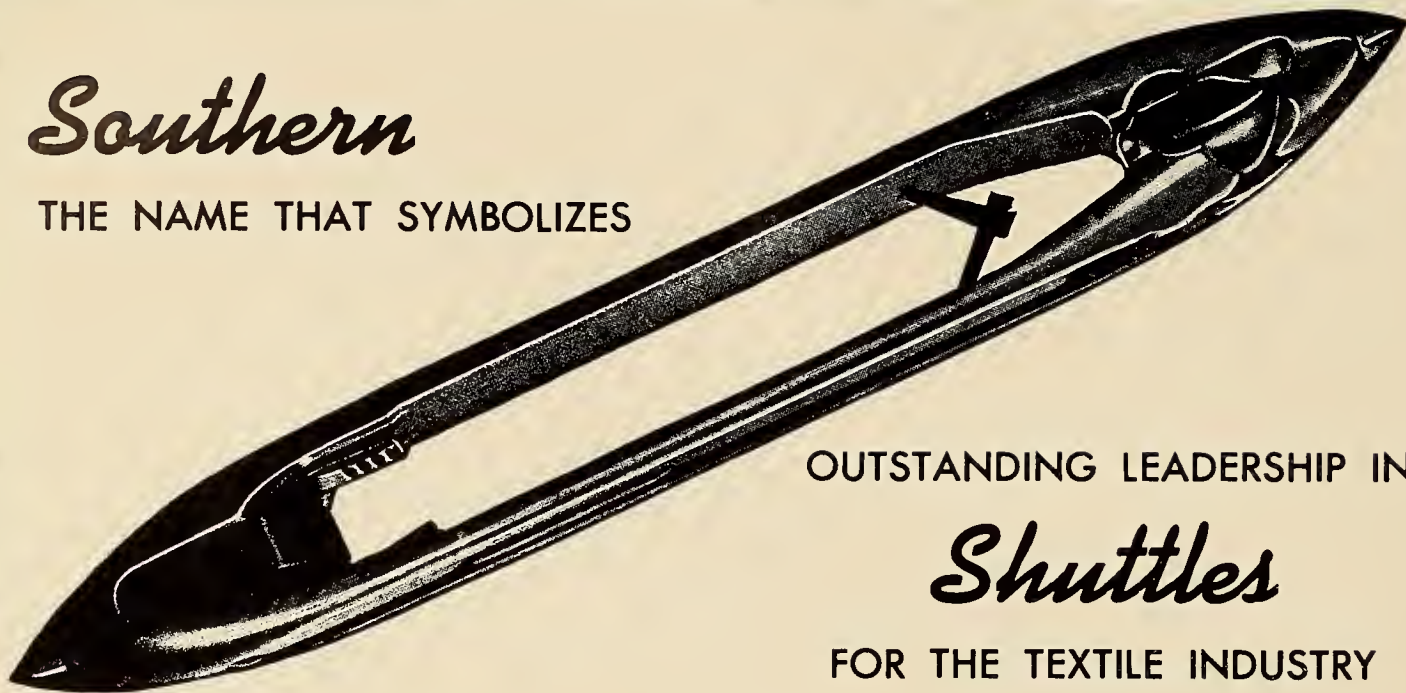
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